

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A communication apparatus according to the present invention detects the trailing edge of the received data and, with the detection of the trailing edge the apparatus, acknowledges the reception of the start bit in the received data. The bit level of the start bit is monitored to examine whether or not the bit level is at a predetermined bit level. If any change is detected, a signal indicating occurrence of a start-bit-detection error is output to the outside.